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SUBJECT: JUNE 7 BILATERAL WITH CANADA: AGRICULTURE

1. IN US/CANADIAN BILATERAL ON JUNE 7 AMBASSADOR MCDONALD
POINTED OUT THAT THE CANADIAN ARTICLE XXVIII ACTION
CASTS A SHADOW OVER THE MTN WITH CANADA. THIS ACTION
AFFECTS A MAJOR GROUP OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO
CANADA. CANADIAN DEL STATED THAT CANADA DOES NOT INTEND
TO IMPOSE IMPORT CHARGES ON THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
ITEMS CONCERNED AS HIGH AS THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE CANA-
DIAN TARIFF BOARD. AMBASSADOR GREY SAID THAT HE EXPECTS
ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS TO BE CONCLUDED BY SEPTEMBER.
HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE FULL RANGE OF ITEMS FOR WHICH
CANADA ASKED FOR ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOT YET
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BEEN DETERMINED BECAUSE CONSULTATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA
WHICH HAS PREFERENCE ON SOME OF THOSE ITEMS HAVE NOT YET
BEEN COMPLETED.

2. CANADIAN DEL INQUIRED HOW THE U.S. ENVISAGES THE
SHAPE OF THE GRAINS PACKAGE NOW BEING NEGOTIATED IN LONDON;
HOW IT WOULD BE RELATED TO THE MTN, AND WHETHER THE U.S.

INTENDS TO PURSUE ITS REQUESTS FOR BETTER ACCESS TO THE EC GRAIN MARKET. THEY MENTIONED THEIR REQUEST FOR A LEVY FREE QUOTA ON WHEAT. AMBASSADOR MCDONALD REPLIED THAT IT IS OUR HOPE TO HAVE A FINAL DRAFT OF THE GRAINS ARRANGEMENT BY THE MIDDLE OF JUNE WHICH COULD THEN BE INCORPORATED IN THE MTN. THE GRAINS NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER WOULD BE A MERE FORMALITY. THE U.S. DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THE GRAINS AGREEMENT WOULD BE SELF-BALANCING. IT IS LOOKING BEYOND GRAINS AND ITS FINAL JUDGMENT ON THE GRAINS AGREEMENT WILL BE BASED ON ITS JUDGMENT ON PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF OTHER COMMODITY AREAS.

3. DRAFTED BY KOENIG. MCDONALD

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